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## Newsletter

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### Thanks

... to Fulton Hogan who generously filled in numerous (rapidly expanding) pot holes on our lower bus bay this week. We very much appreciated being squeezed into their very busy schedule.

... to those parents who supported our Junior Bike Days and this week's School Council PJ Day.

... to those parents who attended this week's Smart Words Presentation (and to Mrs Robertson for organising this day).

### People of the week

... Ryan Kessell for helpfulness and great manners around the school. You are a great role model for us all Ryan.

... Our school choir which began its preparations this week for the forthcoming Whangarei Schools Music Festival.

... Winners of the School Teddy Bear Competition this week (- see photo on back page)

... Player of the Days - Netball: #1 team Keira, Cara (6 May); #2 team Isabell & Taylor, Bradee Jayne (6 May); #3 team Bella. Hockey: MiniSticks Blue Indi Lee; Kamo Rugby White U11s William P

### Term calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

23 May	Year 7 and 8 Winter Sports Tournament (pp 30.5)
5 June	Queens Birthday
8 June	Year 5 and 6 Winter Sports Tournament (pp 15.6)
22 June	Choir practice at Hurupaki School
3 / 4 July	Parent / teacher interviews
7 July	Final day of term 2

### Changes to the school bus bay - PLEASE READ

During next week you will notice some significant changes happening in the lower bus bay. These changes aim to improve safety in the bus bay (primarily in the period 2:45pm to 3:15pm), as well as fairly balancing the needs of all users (children, parents and buses). **The Board very much appreciates parents using this area as a pick up point as this reduces pressure on the upper carpark.** In a nutshell the changes are as follows ...

... a portion of the bay is designated buses only and cars are asked not to park in these areas please

... two areas have been specifically designated as pick up zones, parents are asked not to park in these areas unless prompt pick up is their purpose - these zones are visible to students awaiting pick up.

... a zebra crossing has been added to ensure safe crossing to the central traffic island for pick up on the other side of the island.

... speed in the bus bay is restricted to 5 km (caution please when you approach the zebra crossing).

... if visiting the school please use the upper carpark or gravel parking areas at the roadside (and not pick up or yellow zone areas).

A map showing these changes has been included in this newsletter.

### Upper carpark

The school office receives fairly regular (and sometimes angry) complaints from parents about those parking in the yellow zone areas which are designated drop off and pick up only. Please play fair and use the yellow drop off zones for their intended purpose, and park in a parking space, or roadside, if you have business in the school. **Having said that, the board would like to acknowledge the patience and consideration demonstrated by the vast number of people dropping and picking up students from the upper carpark. It is a luxury for a school to have drop off and pick up on the school property (as opposed to the roadside), and this only works if people are patient and considerate, and if they work to the rules. By and large you are FANTASTIC and so, for most people, we are simply saying thank you, please keep doing what you are doing.**

### Items in previous newsletter (Please access via our website or call the school office)

Virtues .. Humility support material

Virtues ... request for parent support

Statements and Invoices

Seesaw on line portfolios

Cyber Safety

Netball / hockey hoodies

Kapa haka

Learning Support Programmes - Term 2

Bus Behaviour

School Attendance

### Anti Bullying Day

Some of you may know that 22 to 26 May is anti-bullying week nation-wide. There is no doubt that bullying is a growing problem (actually globally) and that it negatively impacts too many people. As the culmination of the children's work with Constable Ian Anderson, we have set aside Friday 26 May as our official anti-bullying day and children are being invited to wear an item of pink clothing. This is entirely optional, but those who wear a pink item will be in a group photograph with Constable Ian.

### First day 2018

For those who like VERY early notice .. the board has set 31.1 as the first day of the 2018 school year.

### Requests for school contributions and activity fees

... were sent home today to you through the children.

### Winter Sports - Year 7 & 8 - 23 May (pp 30 May)

Please ensure your child has their Matarau School blue and white shirt, a jumper and raincoat. If your child is involved in Hockey please provide a mouth guard. Suitable sports shoes should be brought if your child is playing football, netball, or hockey. Children are to have bare feet for Rippa Rugby. Shin pads are optional for football and hockey. All students should bring two drink bottles with water if possible. Please ensure any outstanding consents are returned to school by Monday. Questions about this event please to Mrs Donaldson.

### Message from the Bus Company

Our bus company have requested that children do not bring their *scooters* to school on the school bus please. There are safety issues around these sorts of items being unsecured in a bus interior.

### Headlice Inspections

These are scheduled for Monday morning, if you can help (training & advice given but won't be NZQA accredited!), please come to the staff room just before 9am & see Helen, as all hands appreciated.

### School Photo's

Orders were delivered to classes this week. If you would like to order or re-order a class or team photo go to this link - [lizdaviesphotography.co.nz/order-online/reorder](http://lizdaviesphotography.co.nz/order-online/reorder). You can do this at any time this year & photo's will be sent to you directly.

### Cambridge Programme... expressions of interest 2018

The school is currently seeking expressions of interest in the Lower Secondary Programme (Year 7 & 8) from the wider Whangarei area. Our intention is to gradually grow this programme (over the next few years), while keeping numbers as low as possible in each room. So, if you know of anyone wanting an exceptional start to secondary school, perhaps suggest that they contact the school to discuss this programme, or that they visit our website for more information. Some people are paying \$25,000 over 2 years for a similar

programme elsewhere ... why not save this money and put it towards the cost of tertiary study or a deposit on their first house!!

### **Finally**

What students think matters! This year we are implementing a number of initiatives to grow "student voice" in the school. Over the course of this week students have completed individual surveys which will measure their wellness against the key elements of our Mission Statement ... Being Valued, Knowing Self, Making Choices and Enjoying Learning (and school). Some students have also been randomly selected for group discussions aimed at identifying what they like, what works for them, how we could make school better for them etc. Over coming weeks we will be analysing student feedback, looking at how we might improve, and identifying children needing any special support. We will keep you posted on our findings.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella  
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## **Community Notices**

**Hopscotch After School Care Programme** - Based at Trigg Sports Arena on Park Ave. Mixture of centre based activities and excursions. Caters for 5-13 years old. Look us up on enrolmy.com, call 021 237 2598 or 021 030 6638 or email [hello@hopscotchforkids.co.nz](mailto:hello@hopscotchforkids.co.nz) for more info.

**Dr Graham's 'Blow-Up Science'** taking place at 11:30am on Tuesday 18 July (school holidays) at Forum North. Dr Graham Walker has been performing science shows for the past 15 years around the world & thrill audiences with his unique brand of engaging science. The show is free but you must book tickets online - [royalsociety.org.nz/drgraham](http://royalsociety.org.nz/drgraham).

**House cleaner required** 2-3 hours per week for general household cleaning work. Close to school. Please contact Louise on 0274 524 756 if you are interested.

**Whangarei Grizzlies Trials** – Open invitation to all rugby players U13 at 1/1/17 in Y7 or Y8 age group; Open Skills day – 2pm 21<sup>st</sup> May, Open Trial 11am 28<sup>th</sup> May, Final Invited Trial Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May, Marist Sports Club, Kensington Park. Jeremy Parkinson 021 898 550

**PREBOOK A CARPARK FOR THE BARBARIANS V THE LIONS** Saturday 3 June 2017, 7:35pm \$10 per car. Take the leg work out of parking when you attend the event. Drive up to our carpark on Kioreroa Road between 4.30pm - 7.10pm and hand over your guaranteed carpark ticket. Meet up with your friends and pace only 700m to Toll Stadium. This is a fundraiser for Kamo Intermediate Cross Country Team to AIMS GAMES 2017. Email [runforkamo@gmail.com](mailto:runforkamo@gmail.com) or your local contact Eve Finlayson text her on 0274 525 398

## **School Lunches**



**Mondays** - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

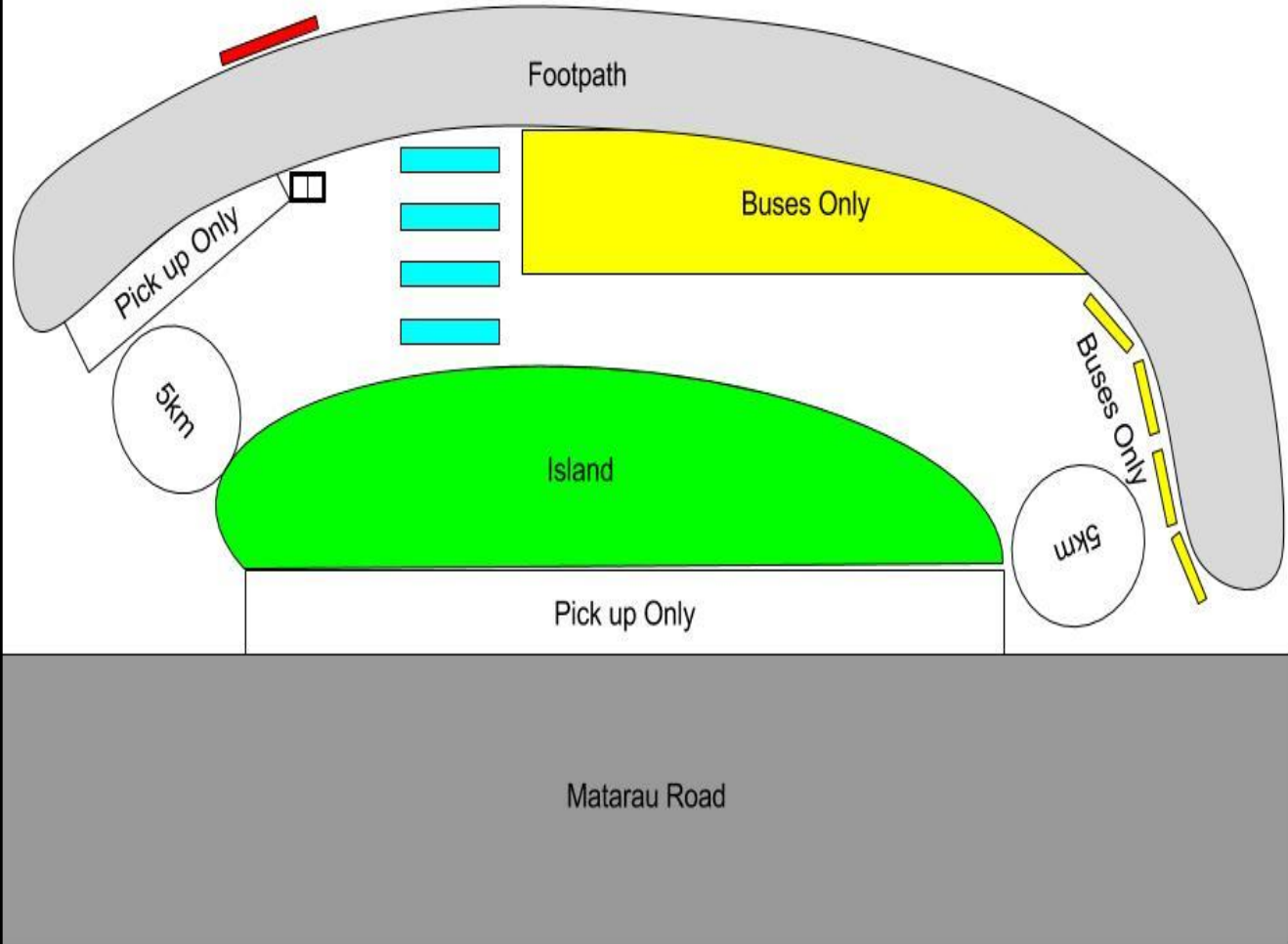
**Wednesdays** - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

**Fridays** - \$4.00 : Hot Mince (or Mince & Cheese) Pies, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Rolls (with Museli Bar), Butter Chicken Wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$5.00. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday. In the

case of a child's absence from school and instructions to the contrary, we are unable to guarantee a refund or provide a lunch on a subsequent week.

# Bus Bay Parking Layout Changes from Monday 22 May 2017

Between 2.45-3.15pm



## The Winning Teddies & their Owners at the PJ & Teddy Day

Front left – Kavelle, Draco, Caeli  
Middle – Caden, Brayden, Ethan, Ivan  
Back – Pammy, Mr LeBreton, Misha,  
Hanna, Jennie

